

Conservation Commission – October 29, 2011

Members present were co-chairs Mr. Ned Wilson & Mr. John Weinstein, & Mr. Peter Marks; meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM.

Meeting minutes of September 24th were approved as amended.

Berkshire Natural Resource Council Hearing: Present for this continued hearing was representative, Mr. Doug Bruce. Mr. Bruce reviewed the scope of work for this project. After discussion a motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application as presented, with no special conditions. Motion passed.

Odegard Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner, Mr. Odegard and representative, Mr. Alex Thorpe, Accord Engineer. Property location is Norfolk Road. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of demolition of existing garage, install patio, renovate existing garage (not making bigger), establish access for vehicles, and replace culvert that is across the driveway by the Buggy Whip/Post Office. Mr. Thorpe reviewed scope of work and DEP comments. After the review a motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application as a negative #3 with the condition being that work for item #5 (culvert) must be done in the dry and to minimize stream flow. Motion passed.

Town of New Marlborough Hearing: Present for the hearing was Mr. Nathaniel Yohalem, Selectman. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of installing a new entrance with a ramp. Property location is 807 Mill River Southfield Road. After a brief discussion of the project work, a motion was made, seconded to close the hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application as a negative #3, with no special conditions.

Schreiber Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative Mr. Tom Coote. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of herbicide around small fire pond less than 5,000 square feet. Discussed project work that included applying herbicide to the phragmites via the cut and dip or brush on method to be used, no removing or dredging materials can only the herbicide twice motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application as a negative #2. Motion passed.

Wicke Hearing: Present for this hearing was property owner, Ms. Noel Wicke. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of expanding the driveway. Property location is 89 Clayton Mill River Road. Ms. Wicke states the project work would include widening the drive way as a turnaround area, the area will be bordered by a new stone wall and the new area will be gravel airport mix. The commission mentioned that the existing lawn area is exempt. A motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application as a negative #2. Motion passed.

Shalaby Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Tom Coote. Applicant submitted a NOI for the purpose of replacement and repair of two agricultural bridge crossings. Property location is 1093 Clayton Mill River Road. Discussed project work, including the impact, Commission would need to know area that is going to be disturbed. Mr. Coote requests a continuous of this hearing until next month's meeting. A motion was made, seconded to continue this hearing until next month meeting. Motion passed.

Massini Hearing: Present for this hearing was representative, Mr. Mark Reynolds, of Kelly, Granger, Parsons, & Assoc. Applicant submitted a RDA for the purpose of replacing existing failed septic system with an upgraded septic system per Title V. Property location is Hartsville Mill River Road. After a brief discussion of the project a motion was made, seconded to close this hearing. Motion passed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this application with a negative #3. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. The Commission received a request for a certificate of compliance for Barbara Gopen of 46 Lakeside Road. Applicant filed a NOI back in November, 1988. The Commission visited site earlier this morning and received a letter from White Engineering stating work is completed. A motion was made, seconded to approve this request of a certificate of compliance.
2. The Commission signed a emergency certificate for Keith & MaryAnn Watson of 129 Hayes Hill Road. To replace existing failed culvert and make repairs to driveway as need due to Hurricane Irene.

Reviewed mail:

- a. Final Report – Forest Cutting Plan – Berkshire Natural Resource Council Inc.
- b. Final Report –Forest Cutting Plan – Levin – Rhoades & Bailey Road.
- c. Notice – foreclosure.
- d. Forest Cutting Plan – Sisson Hill Nominee Realty Trustee – Sisson Hill Rd.
- e. Forest Cutting Plan – Berkshire Natural Resource Council Inc.
- f. Forest Cutting Plan – Hackett/Schlink – East Hill Road.
- g. FY 13 budget request
- h. Mass wildlife news
- i. Letter from Kunz – re: neighbor on Hartsville New Marlborough Rd – junk cars
- j. Vernal pool – certified
- k. Receipt verifying order of conditions – Tatlock.

No other business was brought before the commission, so voted to adjourn at 12:25 PM.

Next regular scheduled meeting is November 19th at 10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary

